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REFERENCE TITLE: luxury tax; liquor wholesalers

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SB 1169

Introduced by Senators Martin, Harper, Miranda; Representatives Huffman, Reagan: Senator Verschoor; Representatives Burges, Meza, Quelland

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 4-243.01, 42-3353 AND 42-3354, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO LIQUOR WHOLESALERS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 4-243.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

4-243.01. <u>Purchasing from other than primary source of supply unlawful: definitions</u>

- A. It is unlawful:
- 1. For any supplier to solicit, accept or fill any order for any spirituous liquor from any wholesaler in this state unless the supplier is the primary source of supply for the brand of spirituous liquor sold or sought to be sold and is duly licensed by the board.
- 2. For any wholesaler or any other licensee in this state to order, purchase or receive any spirituous liquor from any supplier unless the supplier is the primary source of supply for the brand ordered, purchased or received.
- 3. Except as provided by section 4-243.02 for a retailer to order, purchase or receive any spirituous liquor from any source other than any of the following:
- (a) A wholesaler who has purchased the brand from the primary source of supply.
- (b) A wholesaler who is the designated representative of the primary source of supply in this state and who has purchased such spirituous liquor from the designated representative of the primary source of supply within or without this state.
 - (c) A registered retail agent pursuant to section 4-101.
- (d) A domestic farm winery or domestic microbrewery licensed under section 4-205.04.
- B. All spirituous liquor shipped into this state shall be invoiced to the wholesaler by the primary source of supply. Beer ALL SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR shall be unloaded and remain at the wholesaler's premises for at least twenty-four hours. A copy of each invoice shall be transmitted by the wholesaler and the primary source of supply to the department of revenue.
- C. The director may suspend for a period of one year the license of any wholesaler or retailer who violates the provisions of this section.
- D. Upon determination by the department of revenue that a primary source of supply has violated the provisions of this section, no wholesaler may accept any shipment of spirituous liquor from such primary source of supply for a period of one year.
 - E. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Primary source of supply" means the distiller, producer, owner of the commodity at the time it becomes a marketable product, bottler or exclusive agent of any such distributor or owner. In the case of imported products, the primary source of supply means either the foreign producer, owner, bottler or agent or the prime importer from, or the exclusive agent in, the United States of the foreign distiller, producer, bottler or owner.
- 2. "Wholesaler" means any person, firm or corporation that is licensed in this state to sell to retailers and is engaged in the business of

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warehousing and distributing brands of various suppliers to retailers generally in the marketing area in which the wholesaler is located.

Sec. 2. Section 42-3353, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 42-3353. Return and payment by malt liquor wholesalers

- A. Every wholesaler of vinous or malt liquors purchasing vinous or malt liquors for resale within the state shall pay the tax under this chapter on all such liquors so purchased and add the amount of the tax to the sales price.
- B. The wholesaler shall pay the tax to the department monthly on or before the twentieth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the tax accrues.
- C. On or before that date the wholesaler shall prepare a sworn return for the month in which the tax accrues in the form prescribed by the department, showing:
- 1. The amount of $\frac{1}{2}$ malt liquors purchased during the month in which the tax accrues.
 - 2. The amount of tax for the period covered by the return.
- 3. Any other information that the department deems necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.
- D. The taxpayer shall deliver the return, together with a remittance of the amount of the tax due, to the department.
- E. Any taxpayer who fails to pay the tax within ten days from the date upon which the payment becomes due shall be subject to and shall pay a penalty determined under section 42-1125, plus interest at the rate determined pursuant to section 42-1123 from the time the tax was due and payable until paid.
 - Sec. 3. Section 42-3354, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 42-3354. Return and payment by spirituous or vinous liquor wholesalers
- A. Every wholesaler of spirituous OR VINOUS liquors selling spirituous OR VINOUS liquors within the state shall pay the tax under this chapter on all such liquor sold within the state and add the amount of the tax to the sales price.
- B. The wholesaler shall pay the tax to the department monthly on or before the twentieth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the tax accrues.
- C. On or before that date the wholesaler shall prepare a sworn return for the month in which the tax accrues in the form prescribed by the department, showing:
- 1. The amount of spirituous $OR\ VINOUS$ liquors sold in this state during the month in which the tax accrues.
 - 2. The amount of tax for the period covered by the return.
- 3. Any other information that the department deems necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.
- D. The wholesaler shall deliver the return, together with a remittance of the amount of the tax due, to the department.

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E. Any taxpayer who fails to pay the tax within ten days from the date upon which the payment becomes due shall be subject to and shall pay a penalty determined under section 42-1125, plus interest at the rate determined pursuant to section 42-1123 from the time the tax was due and payable until paid.

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